

## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois was established in 2000. Our membership is made up of Berner Lovers from all parts of northeastern Illinois – breeders, exhibitors, pet owners, and individuals interested in the Bernese Mountain Dog. We all share a common interest in protecting and promoting the health and welfare of the Bernese Mountain Dog.

Our club activities include dog shows, obedience, tracking, drafting tests, and agility trails. All of the mentioned activities are conducted in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and BMDCA draft rules.

We also have several meetings during the year, which include educational speakers to benefit our members and Berners. One of our goals is to promote fellowship among our members and provide the opportunity for our Berners to socialize.

Thank you for your interest in our club. Attached is our membership application. We're looking forward to you becoming part of our Bernese Mountain Dog family.

Anne Copeland  
Membership Chair

**Membership Application**  
**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois, Inc.**  
**(Please Print Clearly)**

Mailing Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Kennel Established: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that may apply:

- Owner     Exhibitor     Breeder     Conformation     Obedience     Agility  
 Drafting/Carting     Tracking     Herding     Therapy Dog     Judge

List other dog clubs in which you currently hold membership:

\_\_\_\_\_

List positions that you have held in other dog clubs:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended from AKC privileges?

\_\_\_\_\_

Tell us something about your dog interests on the reverse side.

List Bernese Mountain Dogs that you currently own:

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OFA/GDC: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this page to list more dogs.

There are five types of memberships, please check the appropriate box:

Regular Individual Voting Membership **\$20.00**  
Open to Bernese Mountain Dog exhibitor and breeder/exhibitor who have participated in AKC events, i.e., conformation, obedience, tracking and/or agility at the time of application or in the last two years.

Regular Family Voting Membership **\$25.00**  
Open to two adult Bernese Mountain Dog exhibitors and breeder/exhibitors in the same household, whether related or not, who have participated in AKC events, i.e., conformation, obedience, tracking and/or agility at the time of application or in the last two years.

**People applying for voting membership must attend two meetings with their applications read at each meeting. At the third meeting a secret written vote with 2/3 affirmative votes are required to be elected into full voting membership.**

Associate Individual Membership **\$15.00**  
Open to Bernese Mountain Dog owners and other interested individuals.

Associate Family Membership **\$20.00**  
Open to two Bernese Mountain Dog owners in a household, whether related or not, and minor children.

**Associate members do not vote nor hold office but after a period of one year, the members may apply for regular membership as outlined in the bylaws. Upon paying dues, they immediately become associate members.**

Junior Membership **\$15.00**  
Open to persons 10 to 17 years of age, they cannot vote but may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18.

Voting Membership requires the signatures of two unrelated BMDCNI member sponsors.

Sponsor 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this application with the appropriate fees, make check payable to **BMDCNI**, to:

Anne Copeland  
BMDCNI Membership Chair  
1034 East Tulip Way  
Palatine, IL 60074-1608

847-358-0497  
[annes4@aol.com](mailto:annes4@aol.com)

**In applying for membership in BMDCNI, I agree to comply with all the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics, rules and by-laws of the BMDCNI**

**"I have read, understand, and will abide by the Code of Ethics of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois."**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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All memberships include subscription to the BMDCNI newsletter.

Our website address is [www.BMDCNI.org](http://www.BMDCNI.org)

The BMDCNI is always looking for new members to help with club activities. Please check any areas of interest.

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|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting           | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop publishing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Data base management | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |                                      |

The success of any organization relies on the involvement of its members.

**For BMDCNI Use Only**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date check mailed to BMDCNI Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Code of Ethics

1. Breeders shall strive for perfection of the Bernese Mountain Dog in accordance with the official standard set forth by the American Kennel Club. In this regard they shall:
  - a. Maintain high standards of health and care for their dogs.
  - b. Use only physically and temperamentally sound stock, and will refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistrable or shows obvious defects. They shall study and learn the good and bad points within their own stock never doubling up on a known and visible fault.
  - c. Ideally, x-ray for evidence of hip dysplasia at two years of age or older, treating mild cases as they would any other fault, and excluding from breeding programs dogs with more severe evidence of hip dysplasia.
  - d. Refrain from breeding the bitch until her second season, preferably waiting until at least 18 months of age. A bitch shall be bred no more than two out of three seasons, this depending on the size of the litter whelped and her condition. It is suggested that in most cases a period of one-year lapse between litters.
2. Breeders will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.
3. No member shall sell adults or puppies to any known retail or wholesale pet outlet.
4. A buyer should be supplied with a four-generation pedigree, with information on inoculations and other veterinary care that the dog has had, and with instructions on the care, feeding and training of the Bernese Mountain Dog.
5. A breeder should guarantee the health of his stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.
6. 6. A breeder should try to keep in touch with the progress of dogs of his breeding in order to better analyze his own program.
7. A breeder shall exhibit at dog shows and matches where feasible.
8. Members shall at all times exhibit good sportsmanship at all events related to the club and dog shows.
9. Members shall not degrade any other member or kennel.

**This is your copy.**